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The Reference Department has additional bibliographies which will also direct you to biographical sources. They cover professional fields, disciplines, and special topics, such as women.

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Who's Who in Colored America; A Biographical Dictionary of Notable Living Persons of Negro Descent in America. 1928-50. (Ref E 185.96 W54)

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Boase, Frederic. Modern English Biography, Containing Many Thousand Concise Memoirs of Persons Who Have Died Between the Years 1851-1900. 1965. 6v. (Ref CT 773 B6)
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A dictionary of contemporary biography, including international figures.

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Who's Who, What's What, and Where in Ireland. 1973. (Ref CT 793 W48)

FRANCE

Dictionnaire Biographique Francais Contemporain. 1950. 2v. (Ref DC 406 D5)

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Allegmeine deutsche Biographie. 1875-1912. 56v. (Ref CT 1053 A5)
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Neue deutsche Biographie. 1953-date. v.1-10; A-Kof (in progress)
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SBZ-Biographie; ein biographisches Nachschlagebuch über die Sowjetische Besatzungszone Deutschlands. 1961 and 1964. (Ref DD 261.6 G4)

Wer ist wer? Das deutsche Who's Who. 1928, 1935, 1951, 1969/70. (Ref DD 85 W3)

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ITALY

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RUSSIA

The Great Soviet Encyclopedia. 1973-date. (in progress) (Ref AE 5 B58)
It is necessary to use the index with this work.

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Russia and the Soviet Union. 1961. (Ref DK 14 M26)
Particularly heavy coverage of the Revolutionary period.

Prominent Personalities in the U.S.S.R. 1968. (Ref DK 275 A1 W534)
Supersedes Who's Who in the U.S.S.R. (Ref DK 275 A1 W53)

Russkii Biograficheskii Slovar. 1896-1918. 25v. (Ref 920.047)
"Especially strong for material about the upper and ecclesiastical classes of pre-Revolutionary Russia."

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Includes Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya.

Rosenthal, Eric. Encyclopedia of Southern Africa. 1961. (Ref DT 752 R59)

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The Encyclopedia of Islām. 1913-1938. 4v. & supp. (Ref DS 37 E5)
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Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel. 1971. 2v. (Ref DS 149 E597)

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Bonnert, Stephan. Concise Encyclopaedia of Arabic Civilization: The Arab East. 1960. (Ref DS 215 B6 1960)
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Chimoni, Yaacov. Political Dictionary of the Middle East in the 20th Century. 1978. (Ref DS 61 C52 1974)

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The Far East and Australasia. 1969-date. Latest edition in Reference. (Ref DS 1 F2)
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Australian Dictionary of Biography. 1966- (in progress) (Ref DU 62 D5)
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